

**For Immediate Release**  
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## **Candidates Qualify for LASERS Board Election**

**Baton Rouge**— Qualifying for the 2013 Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System (LASERS) Board of Trustees Election has closed. Four open seats must be filled by active LASERS members and one by a LASERS retiree. Trustees serve four year terms unless they are filling an un-expired portion of a term.

One candidate, Judge William Kleinpeter, qualified to fill the remaining two years of a vacancy for an active member. His unopposed candidacy eliminates the need for an election for the two-year term. Judge Kleinpeter currently serves as City Court Judge of Port Allen.

A random drawing was held to determine ballot positions for the remaining candidates.

The five candidates who qualified for the three, four-year active positions, in ballot order, are Lori Pierce of the Department of the Treasury, Beverly Hodges of the Department of Transportation and Development, Helen P. Jones of the Department of Health and Hospitals, Janice A. Lansing of the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority, and Tannie James Isaac of Southeastern Louisiana University.

The two candidates who qualified for the one, four-year retiree position, in ballot order, are Kathy Singleton, retired from the Office of Community Service, and Lorry Simmons Trotter, retired from Louisiana State University Paul M. Hebert Law Center.

The candidates' qualifications and platforms are posted on the LASERS website, [www.lasersonline.org](http://www.lasersonline.org). LASERS members will cast their votes for candidates between September 27, 2013 and October 25, 2013 via the Internet, telephone, or by mail.

The 13-member policy-making Board has fiduciary oversight over LASERS. Members include six elected active representatives, three retiree representatives, and four ex officio members including the State Treasurer, the Chair of the House Committee on Retirement, the Chair of the Senate Committee on Retirement, and the Commissioner of Administration. No elected Trustee may serve more than three consecutive terms.

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